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## CASTRO TO FIGHT

### AMMUNITION ORDERED

### Places \$2,000,000 Order for Torpedo Boats and Guns.

### WILL WHIP THE YANKEES

Venezuelan President on a Rampage and Announces That He Will Not Permit Special Commissioner William J. Calhoun to Land.

New York, Aug. 20.—The Tribune says: Venezuela has placed orders in Europe for torpedo-boats, guns and ammunition at a cost of about \$2,000,000.

An American just returned from Venezuela is authority for the statement that President Castro recently declared he was going to "fight the Yankees," which explains the large orders for ships, arms and ammunition. It is reported that when the Venezuelan executive heard of the appointment of Judge William J. Calhoun as special commissioner to investigate certain affairs in Caracas, his anger was great and his language immoderate. He announced that he would not permit the emissary of President Roosevelt to land in Venezuela.

### MORE AIR BRAKES ON RAILROADS.

Interstate Commission Says Equipment of Freight Trains Insufficient.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The interstate commerce commission is about to take steps to require all railroads engaged in interstate commerce to increase the minimum percentage of air brakes used on freight trains. Recent accidents, involving loss of life and property, caused by the "buckling" of freight trains when emergency applications of air have been made on trains partially air-braked, have demonstrated that such trains are not actually under the control of the engineer, as required by law.

The original safety appliance act required that every train should have a "sufficient number of cars so equipped with power or train brakes that the engineer on the locomotive drawing such train can control its speed without requiring brakemen to use the common hand brake for that purpose." The amended act of March 3, 1903, established a minimum of 50 per cent of the cars in each train required to have their brakes operated by the engineer. The amended act also provides that "the interstate commerce commission may increase the minimum percentage of cars in any train required to be operated with power or train brakes."

The commission today issued an order calling on the railroads to report to the commission on or before October 1 next, as follows: "The number of freight cars in use upon the line of railroad; the number of such cars equipped with air brakes, and the average percentage of air-braked cars used in trains during the six months prior to September 1, 1905, together with a statement of any

instructions issued by the carrier respecting the use of air on its lines."

### TENNIS PLAYERS MEET.

United States Championship Games Will Be Played Tuesday.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 20.—Crack tennis players from all parts of the country are rounding up here for the annual lawn tennis championships of the United States which begin Tuesday. The tournament this year will be in three sections. The doubles, in which the champions of the East will contest with the champions of the West, will be played tomorrow, and on Wednesday the winning pair will challenge Ward and Wright, the present holders of the national championship. The singles championship will be played tomorrow and the following days.

### CONGER WILL NOT GO TO CHINA.

Ambassador to Mexico Not to Exert Influence With China.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Edwin H. Conger, ambassador to Mexico, tonight said he was not going to China, as it was reported he might do to allay the agitation there against American imports.

### BUGGY AND CAR COLLIDE.

J. J. Sullivan of Baltimore Killed and N. H. Heck of Portland Injured. Portland, Aug. 20.—J. J. Sullivan of Baltimore was killed and N. H. Heck of Portland badly injured in a collision between a street car and a buggy in East Portland this evening.

## JAPANESE ADVANCING

### Russians Abandon Their Advance Works in Corea.

The Tokio Correspondent of the London Telegraph States That the Japanese Have Effectuated Communication With Marshal Oyama.

London, Aug. 20.—The Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says the Japanese have advanced in Northern Korea. The Russians have abandoned their advance works and were driven back. The Japanese army in Korea has effected communication with Field Marshal Oyama.

London, Aug. 20.—The Telegraph's correspondent at Moji says that Lin-vitch's defense works are complete. The troops number about 500,000.

### "MARK TWAIN" HAS GOUT.

Famous Author, Hindered by Age, Recovers Slowly.

Norfolk, Conn., Aug. 20.—Samuel Clemens, the well-known "Mark Twain," who was taken slightly ill a few days ago at his summer cottage in Edgewood, is now suffering a severe attack of gout, but his physician, Dr. E. Quintard of New York, who is here attending him, believes that his distinguished patient will recover sufficiently to get out of bed in a week. Mr. Clemens' daughter is attending to his every need. For the past two years Mr. Clemens' health seems to be growing feebler, and his old age is one of the obstacles in the way of a speedier recovery. While indications are favorable at present, there is some alarm among friends over the ultimate outcome of his sickness.

## LORD CRUZON RESIGNS AS VICEROY OF INDIA

London, Aug. 20.—The resignation of Lord Curzon of Kedleston, as viceroy of India, and the appointment of Earl Minto as his successor was announced at the India office today. According to the correspondence, it appears that Lord

Curzon's resignation was cabled August 21. The correspondence shows a decidedly bitter feeling between Curzon and the India office and Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the forces in India over the new plan of army administration in India.

## PRESSURE IS EXERTED

### SITUATION IMPROVED

### Neutral Powers Would Have Warring Nations Compromise.

### JAPAN WILL REMAIN FIRM

Peace Envoys Are Now Awaiting Decision of Respective Governments—President's Message Transmitted to Czar With Witte's Recommendations.

Portsmouth, Aug. 20.—The chances of peace have undoubtedly been improved by President Roosevelt's action in stepping into the breach in a last endeavor to induce the warring countries to compromise their "irreconcilable differences," but the result is still in suspense. The ultimate decision of the issue has defacto if not de jure passed from Portsmouth to St. Petersburg, and perhaps in lesser extent to Tokio.

Although there are collateral evidences that pressure, both by the president and neutral powers, including Great Britain, is still being exerted at Tokio to induce Japan to moderate her demands there is also reason to believe that the president at his interview with Baron De Rosen practically communicated to Witte Japan's irreducible minimum, not what she would yield, but the point beyond which she would not go.

Whether an actual basis of a compromise was proposed by the president cannot be stated definitely. Only one thing is affirmed positively, and that is if Russia refuses to act upon the suggestion or proposition of President Roosevelt, the peace conference will end in a failure.

In the Russian camp, but little encouragement is given. Baron De Rosen reached here before noon and immediately went into conference with Witte, and the whole situation will be reviewed. De Rosen communicated the president's message and it was transmitted to the emperor with Witte's recommendations. No clue to the nature of this recommendation has transpired, but Witte is distinctly pessimistic as to the character of the response which will come from St. Petersburg.

The Japanese, it is believed, will cling to the substance of their demand for remuneration for the cost of the war. Perhaps they will be willing to decrease the sum asked, but a substantial compensation they decline to relinquish. They are also firm upon the cession of Sakhalin. By the transfer of the southern branch of the Chinese Eastern railway to Japan for relinquishment to China and payment for the maintenance of Russian warships, it is possible to figure out the total transfer to Japan of money and property at about \$250,000,000. But this is the limit.

The Japanese view of the situation is authoritatively, but humorously, stated thus: "The result would be known soon. It is useless to speculate. As well for the plenipotentiaries to give an opinion of the sex of an unborn infant. When the child is born we would be able to tell whether it is a boy or a girl."

The issue will not necessarily be decided Tuesday, as it is quite likely there may be some delay in the answer from St. Petersburg, in which case an excuse may be forwarded to adjourn from day to day. The Japanese will not be

impatient, but the final decision must, impatient, but the final decision must be made next week.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 20.—No new developments in the negotiations for peace reached the president today. The president's effort to bring about a satisfactory issue to the peace conference was practically concluded with the conference yesterday with Baron De Rosen. A proposition then submitted will have to be passed on by the Russian envoys and probably by Emperor Nicholas. On the determination reached as to the proposition very likely will depend peace or an indefinite continuation of hostilities. It is not expected that the president will receive any further visits from either the Russian or Japanese representatives prior to the meeting of the conference Tuesday morning.

There is a general belief that the Japanese plenipotentiaries were cognizant with the details of the president's final effort to prevent a rupture of the conference, and are prepared, as far as their government is concerned, to carry into effect the proposition submitted to the Russian envoys. No intimation of the nature of that proposition is given here.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—Russia's official attitude in regard to the final reply to Japan Tuesday is unchanged. The impression prevails that only by a great concession on the part of Japan on the question of indemnity and the cession of Sakhalin will make peace possible.

Tokio, Aug. 20.—A meeting of the cabinet was held today. When it adjourned, Premier Katsura drove to the palace and made a report to the emperor. Later the premier received Sir Claude MacDonald. An extended interview, presumably with relation to the peace conference at Portsmouth, was held. The foreign office announced that it was intended to adhere to the policy of secrecy until some conclusion was reached.

Portsmouth, Aug. 20.—The Associated Press is able to announce that one feature of the proposition of President Roosevelt that was communicated through Baron De Rosen to Witte, and by the latter to the emperor, is based on the principles of arbitration. Whether the president contemplates the arbitration of all the articles on which the plenipotentiaries have failed to agree or only on the question of the indemnity, cannot be stated. But it is more than probable that it relates only to the indemnity or to the indemnity and the cession of Sakhalin.

Neither is it possible to say whether the president made a similar proposal to Japan.

The customary diplomatic proceedings in such a case would be to submit the proposal simultaneously to both countries, but there might be an advantage in securing the adherence of one before submitting it to the other.

### BOYCOTT IS WEAKENING.

Shanghai, Aug. 20.—The boycott against American goods is evidently weakening and the intended mission of former Minister Conger is considered entirely superfluous.

### KILLS HIS SISTER COMMITS SUICIDE.

YELLOW FEVER REPORT. New Orleans, Aug. 20.—New cases, 45; total cases 1,385; deaths 4, total deaths 190; cases under treatment 381.

### MINE ACCIDENT.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 20.—Three men were killed tonight at the Anaconda mine. Their names were not learned.

### PIONEER OPERATOR DEAD.

Camden, Aug. 20.—Herbert C. Robinson, a pioneer telegraph operator, died tonight, aged 96. At the outbreak of the civil war he was a member on the staff of Lincoln's private operators and at the second battle of Bull Run sent the first telegraph message from a balloon.

## FRIGHTFUL WRECK

### NUMBER OF DEAD TEN

### Loaded Trolley Car Collides With Passing Freight.

### RETURNING FROM OUTING

Yard Engine, in Making Flying Switch, Hurls Freight Car Into Loaded Trolley With Frightful Results—Many Fatally Injured.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 20.—Ten persons were killed and more than a score injured, some fatally, tonight as a result of freight cars dashing into a crowded open trolley car at the crossing of the street car and the Great Northern railroad tracks. The passengers, men, women and children, were returning from Columbia Gardens. The motorman stopped the car before reaching the railroad crossing, but at that moment the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific yard engine was making a flying switch of a loaded freight car across Utah street. The motorman, thinking everything was clear, started across the railroad track, when the trolley car was struck by the freight car and thrown 35 feet and crumpled into kindling wood. The freight car was piled on top of the mangled passengers.

### DEEP CANYON THEIR HAUNT.

Wasco Authorities Believe Gang of Bad Men Has Been Broken Up.

The Dalles, Ore., Aug. 20.—A band of supposed thieves, which has long made headquarters in an almost inaccessible canyon on the Deschutes, in Southern Wasco county, is believed to have been broken up at last by the authorities of Wasco. For years this remote spot has been a rendezvous for shady characters, leading to the suspicion that a systematic series of horse and cattle rustling has been carried on from this point. It is suspected that stock from a wide stretch of country has been for years driven to the lonely canyon retreat, kept there until owners ceased searching then run across the river into Sherman county and taken to market.

The canyon in question is about 15 miles from Sherar's bridge. On either side of the river the mountains rise to an angle of about 45 degrees to a height of 6,000 or 7,000 feet. In a cove by the riverside is a fertile little valley on which fodder for a considerable number of stock can be raised, while the surrounding hills are covered with a luxuriant growth of bunch grass.

Farmers in the country within reach have for a long time missed young stock, and occasionally a grown animal, the animals disappearing as if by magic. Pursuit was impossible, as all trails were obliterated, the paths to the river basin

being over rocky bluffs, where footprints are not visible.

If the theory of the officers is correct, a bad gang of outlaws has been broken up and stock in the southern end of the county will in the future be more secure.

### CRUSADER ASSAULTED.

Unknown Assailant Shoots at R. T. Street—Strikes Him in Face.

Spokane, Aug. 20.—A Colfax special to the Spokesman-Review says: R. T. Street, prominent in the crusade against saloonkeepers, was shot at last night by an unknown assailant, who also hit Street in the face with a blunt instrument.

### THE SITUATION WORSE.

Emperor Orders Two Cruisers to German East Africa.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—The governor of German East Africa telegraphs that the situation of the colony is changed for worse. The emperor has ordered two cruisers to proceed immediately to East Africa.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

Portland, Au. 20.—Portland 2, San Francisco 1.  
Seattle, Aug. 20.—Seattle 2, Los Angeles 6.  
San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Tacoma 0, Oakland 1.  
Second game: Tacoma 1, Oakland 4.

## FIVE HUNDRED ARE INJURED

### Platform Collapses—Three Rabbits Seriously Injured.

Spectators Are Precipitated Fifteen Feet Into a Cellar Owing to Collapse of Platform During Ceremonies of Laying of Church Cornerstone.

Pittsburg, Aug. 20.—More than 500 men, women and children were precipitated 15 feet into a cellar by the collapse of a platform today during the exercises incident to laying the cornerstone of the Beth David Russian orthodox church. Nearly all were cut and bruised, but it is believed no one was fatally hurt.

Three rabbits were among those who went down, and although injured they concluded the ceremony after the panic subsided. Among the seriously injured are: Rabbis Ashinsky, S. Graffman, A. Bloom and Abraham Nathanson, pastor of the congregation and Policeman Leteowski.

### JAPANESE SIEZE RUSSIAN TRANSPORT

Tokio, Aug. 20.—The commander of the squadron sent to Kamchatka reports seizing the Russian transport Australia in the Petropavlovsk harbor on August 13.

## POLICEMAN ARRESTS MAYOR OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Mayor Dunne of Chicago was arrested this afternoon in a suburb of Evanston for violation of the ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles. The mayor, in company with a friend, was riding through Evanston when they were stopped by a policeman, who accused the chauffeur of go-

ing too fast. All were taken to the police station. "I don't know anything about the speed of these things," said the mayor, "but I don't think we were going very fast. However, we may have been, and I guess we will have to pay our fines like anybody else." The fines were paid.